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George Finnegan West Desert Granite LC 12430 South Redwood Road P.O. Box 1178 Riverton, Utah 84065

Subject: <u>Division Directive to Reclaim</u>, West Desert Granite LC, RDS 502 Mine, M/023/0067, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Finnegan:

The Division of Oil Gas and Mining is requires reclamation of the RDS 502 Mine, which has also been referred to as the West Desert Mine. You are hereby directed to commence reclamation by January 8, 2014, and to complete reclamation grading and seeding by February 7, 2014. This time frame is in accordance with requirements made by the Bureau of Land Management, and it may be modified if you notify the Division and the BLM of the delay which would need to be for good cause, such as the weather.

The Division is taking this action based on our records which indicate the RDS 502/West

Desert Mine has been inactive since at least 2001. The Division is obligated by rule R647-4-117.4 to require reclamation. This rule states in part:

The Division will require complete reclamation of the mine site when the suspension period exceeds 10 years, unless the operator appeals to the Board prior to the expiration of the 10-year period and shows good cause for a longer suspension period.

Failure to complete reclamation as required could result in enforcement action and associated fines and forfeiture of the reclamation surety.

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In a few weeks you will be receiving a statement for the annual permit fee. Because small mines can now be up to 10 acres in size, the required fee is now \$150.00 annually rather than \$500.00. Please note that the permit fee was not paid in 2012, so the statement will include a charge for that year.

Please contact Wayne Western at 801 538-5263, or me at 801-538-5261 if you have questions or concerns about this letter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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Enclosure: BLM letter dated December 9, 2013

cc: Duane Bays, Fillmore FO (dbays@blm.gov)

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